

method of treating an antibiotic induced diarrheal disease by administering IL-11. None of the references cited by the Examiner disclose such a method. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all outstanding issues of patentability have been resolved. Accordingly, the claims should be allowed. Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic interview would assist in clarifying any remaining issues, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below. If any fee is due with regard to this Amendment, Applicants hereby authorize payment of such fee from Deposit Account No. 07-1060.

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**COMPILATION OF CLAIMS**

1. A method of treating an antibiotic induced diarrheal disease, comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of IL-11.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the antibiotic induced diarrheal disease is caused by *Clostridium difficile*.

27. The method of claim 1, wherein the amount of IL-11 is between 1 and 100 $\mu$ g/kg body weight.